

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School
First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021
10:30 am Worship Service

Welcome to Worship! *A new time of the church year is here – the time of Lent. Lent calls us to see God’s recreating work in us through His Son. Forty days surround the six Sundays that now stand between Easter and us. It’s a time when we journey with Christ to the day that changed human history – the Day of the Cross. Today we focus on the testing of our faith through the trials we face in this life, the trials that God uses to strengthen our faith and empower us to resist temptations to live resurrected lives.*

Information about the Worship Service

- ✦ *The songs are projected onto the screens, the order of worship is printed out for us.*
- ✦ *There is a nursery available in the Narthex for children if parents would like to use it.*
- ✦ *Please contact the church office if you would like a CD of today’s service and sermon.*
- ✦ *Out of respect to our Lord, His house and those worshipping here today, please silence your cell phones and limit the use of your smart phones to something that will not distract those around you, looking up a Bible passage is always welcomed!*

Pre-Service Music

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Greeting

Opening Song

“Way Maker”

1 You are here moving in our midst
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here working in this place
 I worship You I worship You

Chorus You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
 Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

2 You are here touching ev’ry heart
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here healing ev’ry heart
 I worship You I worship You

Chorus

3 You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Tag

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

- P** Jesus said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- C** **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**
- P** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
- C** **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** God's Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.
- C** **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

P For the wages of sin is death,
C **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

P Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

A moment for silent confession.

P Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil's schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

C **For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P As Jesus began His ministry, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." As you have repented of your sins, believe these words as if Jesus was standing here speaking them to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Song of Praise **"10,000 Reasons – Bless the Lord"**

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul,
 O my soul,
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before,
 O my soul,
 I'll worship Your holy name

1 The sun comes up
 it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing
 our song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever
 lies before me
 Let me be singing
 when the evening comes

Chorus

2 You're rich in love and
 You're slow to anger
 Your name is great and
 Your heart is kind
 For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find

Chorus

3 And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near and
my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and
then forevermore

Chorus

Worship His holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I."
²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."
³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.
⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.
⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."
⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.
⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"
⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.
⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.
¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.
¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I."
¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."
¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.
¹⁴So Abraham called the name of

that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Baptism of Sawyer Ryan Wyse

Children's Message

Message Song

"Jesus Messiah"

1 He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

2 His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Bridge All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Chorus

Ending Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

Message

"Spiritual Conditioning"

James 1:12

Presentation of Offering

You may place your offering in the plate in the back of church after the service if you were not able to do so before the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not passing the offering plates at this time. If you desire, you may also conveniently give an offering by texting "Suburbanblc" to 77977. Thank you!

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

**☪ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Song

"My Lighthouse"

1 In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

2 In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

3 I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

Bridge Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms
(REPEAT 3X)

Chorus

Entering the Mission Field

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Post-Service Music

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